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SUBJ: NAHA HIJACKING

SUMMARY: JAPANESE HANDLING OF NAHA HIJACKING INCIDENT APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN SKILLFUL AND RESOLUTE. END SUMMARY

1. BASED ON FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS OF AMCONSUL NAHA,
HANDLING BY JAPANESE POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES OF MARCH 12
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HIJACKING OF JAL 727 AIR BUS WAS EXEMPLARY, COMBINEDRIGHT

MIXTURE OF PREPAREDNESS, CAUTION, AND RESOLUTENESS. CASE WAS EASIER THAN MOST SINCE PERPETRATOR WAS YOUNG AND ALONE AND DID NOT DISPLAY POLITICAL FANATICISM WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED MOST SUCH INCIDENTS. HIS THREAT, HOWEVER, WAS FULLY CREDIBLE SINCE PILOT AND CREW COULD NOT BE SURE EITHER OF HIS WEAPONRY OR EXISTENCE OF CONFEDERATES ON BOARD AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO ALL ACCOUNTS, PILOTS AND CREW THROUGHOUT INCIDENT CARRIED OUT DUTIES CALMLY AND WITH SENSIBLE REGARD FOR SAFETY OF PASSENGERS.

2. POLICE ROLE GREATLY FACILITATED BY CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR JUST THIS EVENTUALITY WHICH PREFECTURAL POLICE HAD PREPARED IN SEPT 1972. WHEN NOTIFIED BY U.S. AIR FORCE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER THAT HIJACK UNDERWAY, POLICE IMMEDIATELY MOVED INTO ACTION, CORDONING OFF AIRPORT, ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROLS AND SETTING UP OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. WHEN THEY ACTUALLY MOVED TO APREHEND HIJACKER, POLICE DID SO WITH SKILL AND RESOLUTION.

3. FACT INCIDENT OCCURRED DOES NOT APPEAR TO INDICATE INADEQUATE SECURITY CHECKS AT HANEDA AIRPORT. ON CONTRARY, U.S. ARMY OFFICER PASSENGER ON HIJACKED PLANE TOLD CONSUL GENERAL, NAHA, THAT HE HAD BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED BY THROUGHNESS OF TOKYO SECURITY PROCEDURES.

4. COOPERATION FROM GOJ AGENCIES IN TOKYO WAS EXCELLENT. ONLY MINOR DIFFICULTY WAS THAT OF OBTAINING NATIONALITIES OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS, PROCESS COMPLICATED BY FACT FLIGHT WAS DOMESTIC ONE AND THEREFORE DID NOT INVOLVE IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE PROCEDURES.

5. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ALL 406 PASSENGERS AND 20 CREW MEMBERS (CORRECTED FIGURES) EMERGED WITHOUT INJURY OR LOSS OF PROPERTY. HIJACKER OAKI, WHO WAS NOT ARMED, IS IN POLICE CUSTODY IN NAHA, WHERE MATTER IS NOW BEING HANDLED AS STRAIGHT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. SHOESMITH

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